

You must bring Helen. True we cannot give her as good accommodations as we might at other times - but if she does not come with you now - we fear her visit may be deferred a long while. Thompson will be installed in our best spare chamber, so you and Helen will be required to content yourselves with the next best rooms.

I hope our doings at the coming meeting will be well considered, and particularly pertinent to the present aspect of the Anti Slavery cause.

The true doctrines respecting civil government - and the extent of our obligations to it must be announced and explained to the people - adherence to principle is one thing - obedience to law quite another.

Give our love to Helen and to the children

Yours most affectionately  
Samuel J. May

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Dear Garrison,

Remember - great dependence  
 is placed upon your being at the  
 approaching annual meeting. I  
 hope nothing will intervene to pre-  
 vent your coming. Theodore Parker  
 too will be most welcome. The noble  
 discourses he has delivered since  
 the enactment of the Fugitive Law  
 have raised <sup>him</sup> to a high eminence  
 among the true and faithful.  
 If there had been a hundred such  
 ministers in our country twenty years  
 ago we should not have been plung-  
 ed into such an iniquity as this.  
 And if there were a hundred such  
 now our Government would soon  
 be driven back from its heaven  
 defying position.

If Wendell Phillips could also  
 come, all our reasonable wishes would  
 be gratified.

But I write now to assure you  
 that there is another person that  
 we shall depend upon seeing  
 with you - even your better half.

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